

SMITH WAYNE T  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SMITH WAYNE T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC [CYH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/24/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, President & CEO

FRANKLIN, TN 37067

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/24/2012		F	24,301	D	\$ 25.11	1,031,076 D
Common Stock	02/25/2012	02/28/2012	F	30,376	D	\$ 25.11	1,000,700 D
Common Stock							102,000 I Spouse
Common Stock							51,059 I by 2009 WTS Irrevocable Trust Dated 2/27/09

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Common Stock 307,383 I 2011 GRAT No. 2

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3					05/22/2004	05/22/2013	Common Stock	500,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.37					02/28/2006	02/28/2013	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.3					03/01/2007	03/01/2014	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.21					02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	100,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.41					07/25/2008	07/24/2017	Common Stock	500,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.28					02/27/2009	02/26/2018	Common Stock	200,000

Buy)

Stock

Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 18.18

02/25/2010

02/24/2019

Common  
Stock

50,000

Stock

Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 33.9

02/24/2011

02/23/2020

Common  
Stock

50,000

Stock

Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 37.96

02/23/2012

02/22/2021

Common  
Stock

50,000

Stock

Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

\$ 20.17

02/16/2013

02/15/2022

Common  
Stock

40,000

Performance

Based  
Restricted

\$ 0

02/16/2013<sup>(1)</sup>

02/15/2022

Common  
Stock

100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH WAYNE T 4000 MERIDIAN BOULEVARD FRANKLIN, TN 37067	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

Christopher G. Cobb, Atty. in fact for Wayne T. Smith

02/28/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Each performance based restricted share represents a contingent right to receive one share of CYH common stock. There are two elements to the lapsing of the restriction; first, the Company must achieve specified targeted amount of earnings per share from

- (1) continuing operations, or net revenue from continuing operations, and if the performance objective is met, the vesting restrictions will lapse in 1/3 increments on the first, second and third anniversary of the date of grant. If the objectives are not met, the shares will be forfeited.

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